

NEWS OF THE GREAT INDUSTRIAL WORLD

AN ESTIMATE OF PRESIDENT OF D. L. & W. RAILROAD.

Shows the Way He Is Regarded Where He Has Been Prominent in Railroad Circles—Outlook for the Iron Trade—Report of Mine Inspector Davies, of the Hazleton District—Number of Silk Mills Want to Locate in Jermyn—Pipe Line Is Finished.

Just how W. H. Truesdale, the new president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, is regarded in the West, and what the East may expect of him, may be gleaned from the following estimate of the man, printed in the Chicago-Times Herald:

"W. H. Truesdale, the new president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, is one of the best products of the western railroad world, and he carries with him to the east a reputation most enviable. It is said that there is no detail of the great railroad problem with which he is not familiar. Beginning his career in the auditor's office of a little western road, his first lessons were with the financial problems of railroading. This was in 1859, the year that President Sloan, whom he succeeds, entered upon the executive duties of the Lackawanna. He then became the general freight agent of another western line, now a part of the Vandallia system, and here he began to store up knowledge of the traffic affairs of transportation interests. Marked ability as a traffic man secured to him in 1881 the position of assistant traffic manager of the Omaha road, and the new field placed him in touch with the important freight and passenger problems of the great West. His reputation then was an enviable one, and it caused his elevation to the position of assistant to the president of the Minneapolis and St. Louis, a road closely affiliated with the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific. For eleven years he remained with this company in its highest offices, finally to become receiver, in which position his broad knowledge of finance and traffic problems was of extreme value.

"Four years ago Mr. Truesdale came to Chicago as third vice-president of the Rock Island, to assume soon after the duties of general manager, in which he added to his extensive knowledge of railroad affairs all those things which pertain to the operating department. As second and first vice-president of that property he since has been one of its guiding stars. Mr. Truesdale, therefore, combines the qualities of first-class financial, traffic and operating railroader. Added to this is the personification of conservatism and caution, though thoroughly up to date and progressive."

IRON TRADE OUTLOOK.

The Iron Age comments upon the future of the iron trade, as follows: "The iron trade is getting somewhat excited over the danger of scarcity of material, which is reflected in quite a rapid advance in prices all along the line. Of course it is only a belated requirements, relatively moderate in volume, which are being covered. The real test of the situation will come when pending low priced contracts expire and the tonnage for the second half of the year is to be covered. "Steel is exceedingly scarce for prompt delivery, and those who must buy are required to pay as high as \$18.50 in the Central West and \$21 at Philadelphia. Plates continue to be the banner line and the demand is very urgent. Ship builders at Baltimore, at Newport News and on the Delaware have contracted for an additional number of vessels. Chicago recently sold 10,000 tons, and could not fill as much more in orders. Pittsburg mills are handicapped until July delivery."

REPORT OF MINE INSPECTOR.

Mine Inspector Davies, of the Hazleton district, has forwarded to the secretary of internal affairs his report for the year 1898. The number of casualties during the year in and about the mines was 104 which was 43 less than the previous year. The number of tons of coal mined per life lost was 173,609 tons. Following is a synopsis of the report: Total production in tons of coal for the year, 5,555,480; railroad shipments in tons of coal, 4,759,338; local sales, etc., in tons of coal, 112,432, coal used for steam and heat at the mines in tons of coal, 728,316; average number of days worked (eliminating the two domestic collieries), 142; number of fatal accidents, 32; number of non-fatal accidents, 72; number of horses and mules, 1,393; number of steam boilers, 1,072; number of pounds of soda powder, 2,993,975; number of pounds of dynamite, 1,051,814. The cases of fatal accidents were: By falls of coal and rock in the mines, 12; by falls on the strippings, 3; by explosions of powder in the mines, 1; by mine cars in the shaft, 1; by mine cars around the breaker, 1; by mine cars on the strippings, 3; by machinery about the breakers, 3; from miscellaneous inside and outside, 4. Total, 32.

THIS AND THAT.

The pipe line of the Scranton Gas and Water company between the Elmurst and No. 7 dams has been completed. It is said that the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company has closed a contract from Cairo to the pyramids. The line must be about ten miles long, although it may include additional lines to the city of Cairo itself. The Boston Elevated Railway company has 456 miles of overhead electric feeder lines, 63 miles of underground electric feeder lines, 133 miles of underground conduit duct, 68 miles of underground electric return lines and 268 miles of submarine cables. The Lehigh Valley has made a new position, entitled inspector of transportation, and is occupied by Mr. Vin-

Children deprived of fats and mineral foods have weak bones, flabby flesh and thin watery blood. The milk of nursing mothers, enfeebled by chronic diseases, or long continued nursing, produces the same results. Scott's Emulsion is cod-liver oil partly digested and with the hypophosphites, forms a fat food which acts on the infant through the mother's milk, giving rich blood, strong nerves and sound flesh and bones to both.

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cent, who is traversing the line inspecting the telegraph operators. He has already covered the Jersey division with his examining car, and has been at Easton. Mr. Vincent is coming up the line, and is expected in this locality soon.

The new breaker which was built to take the place of the one at the Enterprise colliery, near Shamokin, Pa., which was blown down during a violent wind storm early in December, will be ready to begin operations about March 1.

The borough of Jermyn is overwhelmed with offers of silk mills. According to reports from that place, three different companies are seeking to locate there. A committee has been appointed to confer with the representatives of the companies and upon their report will depend the action of citizens in the matter. Of course the mills ask for the usual concessions as regards taxes and the like.

The block system is now in use on nearly 500 miles of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha, General Superintendent J. C. Stuart has just issued a new manual containing the rules and regulations governing the telegraph block system, the automatic block system and interlocking plants. This road, like the Chicago and Northwestern, uses a green light at night in fixed signals to indicate all clear, and a combination of a red and a green light to indicate a horizontal distant signal.

Benjamin James, of Janesville, Pa., a member of the national executive board of the United Mine Workers of America, is at present in this city in the interest of his organization. For the purpose of setting forth the objects of the organization to the miners, Mr. James has arranged for a convention to be held in the hall at 130 East Market street, Wilkes-Barre, opposite the Lehigh Valley station, on Saturday evening next at 6.30. Miners from every town and mine in the valley, whether organized or unorganized, are requested to send one or more delegates to the meeting.

WILL OF FATHER FINNEN.

Admitted to Probate Yesterday in the Register of Wills' Office at Wilkes-Barre—Disposition of His Estate.

The will of the late Rev. John Finnen was probated in the register's office at Wilkes-Barre at 3.30 yesterday afternoon. Its provisions are as follows: First—I direct that I be buried very plainly and without any ostentation whatever, with plain coffin and no ornamentation. I desire that no funeral sermon nor any reference whatever to my life be made at my funeral obsequies, nor at any service in memory of me at any future time. As to my estate as it hath pleased God to intrust me with, I dispose of same as follows: Item, I give and bequeath \$9,000 to be invested in securities of this state, or of the United States, or such other securities as my executors may see fit to apply to the use of the parochial school attached to St. John's Roman Catholic church, Pittston, Pa., to keep said school in repair, supply fuel, or pay teachers, as the bishop of Scranton may determine. On condition that tuition in said parochial school be given gratis to the children of St. John's Evangelist congregation who may attend the school. Provided, also, that the teachers employed in said parochial school are in accordance with the consent and approval of the Bishop of Scranton. In case of failure to observe these conditions, then the whole sum, principal and interest, I give and bequeath to the bishop of Scranton to be disposed of among the charities of his diocese according to his judgment. Item, I give and bequeath the sum of \$1,000 to St. Agnes hospital, Philadelphia. Item, I give and bequeath the sum of \$1,000 to the Mercy hospital, of Wilkes-Barre, which, as an equivalent of this sum, that a bed be always at the disposal of the pastor of St. John Evangelist church, Pittston, who may send from time to time one of the poor of St. John's parish who may need hospital treatment. Item, I give and devise my two lots in Exeter borough to the Sisters in Pittston for school purposes. Item, I give and bequeath the books of my library to the Sisters of Pittston. Item, I give and bequeath the sum of \$250 to St. Joseph's Foundling home, of Scranton. Item, I give and bequeath the sum of \$500 to the St. Patrick's Orphan asylum, of Scranton. Item, I give and bequeath the sum of \$500 to the Home of the Good Shepherd, of Scranton. Item, I give and bequeath the sum of \$100 to the Pittston hospital. Item, I give and bequeath the sum of \$200 to Ellen McDonough for her faithful service and attendance to me. Item, I give and bequeath the sum of \$200 to Bridget McDonough, my house-keeper. Item, As to the residue of my estate, I give and devise and bequeath the same to the bishop of Scranton, with the exception of \$500, this amount to be used as offerings for masses for my happy repose, the balance to be used for charities in the diocese. Lastly, I hereby appoint Rt. Rev. M. J. Hoban, Paul Bohan and M. W. Morris executors of my last will and testament. Rev. John Finnen.

MID-YEAR CONVENTION.

Coming Temperance Union to Meet in Elm Park Church.

The mid-year convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of

KNIGHTS OF GOLDEN EAGLE.

Result of the Balloting for Grand Castle Officers.

Following is the result of the vote for grand officers of the Grand castle of Pennsylvania, Knights of the Golden Eagle, thirty-five castles falling to send in their returns in the required time: Grand Chief—Charles H. Webster, of Lanthorn, 3,205. Grand Vice Chief—John M. Shuppell, of Philadelphia, 3,185. Grand High Priest—D. Grey Lewis, of Audenried, 3,043. Grand Master of Records—J. D. Barnes, of Philadelphia, 3,433. Grand Keeper of Exchequer—L. C. Gerhart, of Philadelphia, 3,584. Grand Sir Herald—James M. Hutcheon, of Reading, 1,206; W. J. Morris, of Allentown, 879; Samuel H. Bristow, of Pittston, 367; J. H. Benner, of Saxton, 512; Harry A. Firing, Jr., of Birdsboro, 247. Representative to Supreme Castle—F. F. Hunsicker, of Allentown, 2,411. The total number of votes polled was 3,656.

BOARDING HOUSE FIRE.

Two Women Are Fatally Injured While Attempting to Escape.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Two women were fatally injured in a boarding house fire today at 330 Michigan avenue. The injured are: Theresa O'Boyle, jumped from third story window, both legs broken and internal injuries; Josephine Wright, jumped from third story window, internal injuries. Grace Rockwell and Cecil L. Garrett were rescued by firemen in an unconscious condition. A number of other boarders were compelled to jump to save their lives.

ELECTION DAY AT CAMP M'KENZIE

BIG VOTE FOR THE REPUBLICAN CITY CANDIDATES.

Captain James Moir Received 290 Votes as Against 31 Cast for Hon. John E. Roche—Vote in Detail for the Other Candidates—Shelter Tents from All the Companies Have Been Turned in—Private Obed A. Michael Has Passed the Critical Point.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Camp MacKenzie, August 22, Feb. 21.—The regular spring election for the Scranton city offices was held in camp today among the members of the regiment who live in the city. The polls were opened at 10 o'clock in the morning. The interest taken in the election was not very strong, though a fairly full vote was taken. The total results are as follows:

Mayor—Moir, R., 290; Roche, D., 31. City Treasurer—Brooks, R., 25; Robinson, D., 38. City Controller—Widmayer, R., 20; Howell, D., 36. City Assessors—Jones, R., 229; Rinsland, R., 245; Fowler, R., 26; Smith, D., 191; Neils, D., 75; McLeon, D., 131. School Directors—Moir, R., 218; Shiver, R., 29; Quinlan, D., 63; Francois, D., 95.

The shelter tents from all the companies have been turned in and this afternoon Company E had all its knapsacks accounted for. The work of re-examining the men was completed this evening. Lieutenant Colonel F. W. Stillwell, Major W. E. Kollar, Lieutenants John Huff, of H., and Arthur Foote, of D., and Battalion Adjutant Walter Gunster have been named as the board, whose duty it will be to supervise and correct the scratch copies of the muster rolls. They held a session today for this purpose and were assisted by Lieutenant Purdy, of the Regular army, representing Captain Howe. They intend to lose no time in the matter, and if the books and records are in shape before the day designated for the Thirtieth, the regiment may not be held any longer providing the paymaster is here and has sufficient funds on hand to pay the men.

Private Obed A. Michael, who for some days has been confined in the Division hospital, and was seriously sick from a complication of heart and lung troubles, is today in the hospital, and is now on the mend. The first sign of improvement in his case was noticed this morning. For a time he was not expected to live, but every hope of a speedy recovery is now entertained. This has been a beautiful summer day in the camp. The thermometer being at 72 degrees at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Richard J. Bourke.

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"Snow White" Flour and he forgot to say "Snow White" and the grocer sent up an inferior grade. Men should be more careful and they will get better bread. It makes quite a difference what kind of flour the cook has.

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Lackawanna county will be held in Elm Park church next Friday, Feb. 24. Three sessions will be held, morning at 9.30 o'clock, afternoon at 1 o'clock, evening at 7.30 o'clock. Mrs. Annabel M. Holvey will deliver the address of the day.

Following is the programme for the day:

MORNING SESSION, 9.30 O'CLOCK. Devotional Exercises, Mrs. J. B. Downing. Reading Minutes of Last Executive Committee Meeting. Greetings, Mrs. Downing. Responses, Miss Katherine Van Bergen. Reasons Why the W. C. T. U. Is Needed, Mrs. Mary Dupie. Bright and Shady Side of W. C. T. U., Mrs. Pierce Butler. Followed by Local Presidents. Three-Minute Talks on Department Work, By County Superintendents. Noon-tide Prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1 O'CLOCK. Meeting of County Executive Committee, 1.45 p. m.—Devotional Exercises, Mrs. J. B. Sumner. Reading of Minutes of Morning Session, Parliamentary Usages and School of Methods, L. T. L. Work.

Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Jackson and Others. Address, Mrs. A. M. Holvey. Christian Citizenship and Legislation, Miss Kenyon, of Peckville. Devotional, Mrs. M. R. Kays Solo. Address—Subject, "Wedge of Gold," Mrs. Anabel M. Holvey. Collection. Singing. Benediction.

EVENING SESSION, 7.30 O'CLOCK. Devotional, Mrs. M. R. Kays Solo. Address—Subject, "Wedge of Gold," Mrs. Anabel M. Holvey. Collection. Singing. Benediction.

STOLE DIAMOND EARRINGS.

Mrs. W. F. Mott, of Peckville, Victim of Sneak Thief.

Word was sent the police yesterday to be on the lookout at the pawn shops for a \$250 set of diamond earrings which have been missed by Mrs. W. F. Mott, of Peckville. They disappeared some time Saturday from her dressing case, and it is supposed were taken by a sneak thief.

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